

**Philadelphia Bar Association  
Board of Governors Meeting  
November 16, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Board Chair Kevin V. Mincey.

Chancellor Deborah R. Gross presented an *in memoriam* resolution in memory of [former Chancellor Peter Hearn](#), who passed away last May, to his wife Gail Walker Hearn, and recounted the overwhelmingly warm response the bar association had received since adopting the resolution at the October board meeting.

Pension Committee co-chair David F. Jones and BPU Investment Management President Paul Brahim, the committee's investment advisor, then presented the Philadelphia Bar Association Pension Plan Investment Policy Statement as well as the newly-drafted Charter of the Pension Plan Committee. The Committee oversees the tax-qualified ERISA pension plan for the association staff as well as the staff of the Jenkins Law Library. This is the first bar association in the country to receive a certification from the Center for Fiduciary Excellence (CFEX). The plan includes five globally diversified portfolios that are automatically re-balanced. There are more than \$8 million in assets currently in the plan. Chancellor Gross thanked both speakers for their guidance and support in implementing best practices and procedures.

Civil Gideon and Access to Justice Task Force co-chairs Catherine Carr and Joseph Sullivan presented the task force's annual report. The task force has been focused on incremental steps to help those in need, while simultaneously "thinking big." The task force includes a housing working group with tenant advocates and a family law working group, which has expanded the custody help center. The judiciary's involvement has expanded the task force's reach to staffing and funding issues. Most recently, Municipal Court President Judge Marsha Neifeld signed a new rule requiring landlords to demonstrate compliance with city laws in order to file a complaint. This rule is a direct result of the task force's efforts. The task force is hoping to convene the first Supreme Court Access to Justice Summit. The co-chairs thanked Public Interest Coordinator Merrill Zebe for her utilization of law students to assist with the task force's work. Co-chair Carr characterized the bar association as a national leader on these issues and said that the association is part of a real movement for change.

A motion to approve the [minutes of the October 26, 2017 Board meeting](#) carried unanimously.

Treasurer Regina Foley delivered the Treasurer's Report through October 2017, reflecting that revenues for the year to date were \$65,623 less than had been budgeted, expenses for the year to date were \$51,914 less than budgeted and that the net change in operations for the year to date was "in the red" by \$13,709. She reminded the board that a deficit was built into the budget. A motion to approve the treasurer's report carried unanimously. Chancellor Gross signaled that Chancellor-elect Mary Platt will be presenting the budget at the next Board meeting.

Chancellor Gross then presented a [resolution urging adherence to the ratings of judicial nominees by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on the Federal Judiciary](#). The resolution carried unanimously, as amended at the request of Board member Timothy J. Hollman. Pro Bono Chair Louis S. Rulli proposed that in the future, the Board consider a resolution addressed to the lack of racial and gender diversity in appointments to federal positions.

Assistant Secretary Jennifer S. Coatsworth reminded Board members of their obligation to fulfill the pro bono requirement addressed by Bylaws Section 216, and to submit their completed Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan Checklist. Many Board members submitted their required forms at the conclusion of the meeting.

Executive Director Mark Tarasiewicz then presented a membership report, and reviewed the activities of membership appreciation week. He thanked Director of Meetings and Special Events Tracey McCloskey, Director of Communications and Marketing Meredith Z. Avakian, Catering Manager Claudia Archer, Manager of Member Services Andrea Morris-Tracey and Web Manager Wesley Terry for their hard work and support.

Chancellor Gross thanked Director of Continuing Legal Education Tara D. Phoenix for coordinating powerful CLE presentations on opioid addiction and poverty.

Following announcements by Chancellor Gross and Chair Mincey, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc J. Zucker  
Secretary

**Board of Governors Attendance  
November 16, 2017**

**Voting members**

**Present:**

Deborah Gross  
Mary Platt  
Rochelle Fedullo  
Marc Zucker  
Jennifer Coatsworth  
Regina Foley  
Kevin Mincey  
Ira Lefton  
Shabrei Parker  
Maureen Farrell

James Funt  
Hon. Sandra Moss (Ret.)  
Maureen Olives  
Amber Racine  
Jennifer Seme  
Richard Bost  
Timothy Holman  
Erin Siciliano  
David Shapiro

**Present on the Phone:**

Jeffrey Rosenthal

**Absent:**

Natalie Klyashtorny  
Katayun Jaffari  
Kathleen Kirkpatrick  
Julia Swain  
Myisha Lacey-Tilson  
Edward Beitz  
Angela Giampolo  
Wendy Hess  
Teresa Rodriguez  
Adam Taylor  
Neil Maskeri

Susan Lin  
Gaetan Alfano  
Lauren McKenna  
Matthew Olesh  
Vincent Barbera  
Sarah Gelb  
Kevin Harden  
Eli Segal  
Eileen Quigley  
Hon. Tina Rago

**Non-voting members**

**Present:**

Mark Tarasiewicz  
Louis Rulli  
Sophia Lee

Mary Kate Martin  
Harry Reichner  
Wesley Payne

**Absent:**

Lawrence Beaser  
Albert Dandridge  
Thomas Brophy  
Patricia Infanti

Niki Ingram  
Jessica Sharp  
Butler Buchanan